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Respectfully submitted,

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**PATENT**

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**INVENTORS** : AYACHITULA, et al.  
**TITLE** : **DATA ABSTRACTION LAYER  
FOR A DATABASE**  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2006 on the above-referenced patent application, applicants respectfully request amendment and reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.